

this issue if we were discussing Darfur, Rwanda or the Nazi Holocaust. Genocide deniers should not have a forum. The quest for fair and balanced information does not give a license to propagate false, misleading and offensive information about historical facts that relate to genocide.

It is said that PBS continues to defend its decision to provide air time to Armenian genocide deniers; however, it is encouraging to see a growing number of PBS affiliates refusing to air the panel. And I want to commend each of the 25 affiliates who have already announced their intentions to air the Armenian genocide documentary without the inclusion of the panel discussion.

Mr. Speaker, it is important that we urge PBS to maintain its commitment to public service, but no Member of Congress should accept PBS's decision to give credence to the denial of the deliberate murder of 1.5 million people, and I hope that PBS will reconsider its current position.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DENT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. PAUL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### THE VOICE OF TEXAS

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, we call this body the people's House. In the last 24 hours, I have received numerous correspondence from people in Texas about illegal entry into America. Tonight, we will listen to some of those people.

Aaron in Houston writes: "I hope you intend to make certain that being illegal continues to mean breaking the law. I cannot understand why any elected official would want to reward any criminal with all the perks that go along with living in the greatest country in history. It makes no sense whatsoever."

Mac in Kingwood, Texas, writes: "Illegal immigration must be stopped and controlled immediately. We must control who and how many people come into this country. This is not a race issue, it is a national sovereignty issue. Illegal immigration reform must not include amnesty. This is rewarding those who willfully break our laws. Immigration must be reserved for those who come here legally and respect our laws. Giving illegals amnesty just encourages more illegal immigration.

Why bother to immigrate here legally when you can be rewarded for doing it illegally? Drug smuggler, human trafficking, murder, identity theft, the forging of documents, driving without insurance and licenses, and potential terrorism are all the result of weak border control and terrible immigration policies. Law-abiding Americans are not going to stand by any longer while illegal immigrants thumb their noses at our laws and while the U.S. Government refuses to enforce the law."

Donald in Humble, Texas, says: "I find it oxymoronic to have a Department of Homeland Security and have not closed and controlled our borders. Without the security of our borders, there is no homeland security."

Donald in Kingwood writes: "I am writing you today to express my outrage over what I have been seeing on the news since this last weekend. I once raised my right hand and swore an oath to protect our country and constitution from foreign invaders. What I have witnessed recently has been citizens of a foreign country marching in the streets of our country waving foreign flags, carrying signs in a foreign language. The arrogance and total disregard for the sovereignty of America is infuriating. These illegal actions are being perpetrated by those who want no part of becoming an American. They simply want to come here and make money, take advantage of our social systems, and send most of that money they earn back to their 'home' country. I don't buy for a minute the administration's argument that they take jobs that Americans are unwilling to do. What has happened is they have taken all the jobs that were primarily taken by young people right out of high school. This is just one of the numerous negative effects this unchecked invasion is having on our society. All one has to do is turn on the 10 o'clock news in Houston to see the effects it has on crime in our area."

Erik in Kingwood writes: "Please continue to press for immigration reform. As a physician, I see and treat many Mexicans without citizenship. It is rare to receive any reimbursement of any kind. Please continue to consider the rights of Americans first."

Charles in Humble writes: "After yesterday's Senate Judiciary Committee action, I fear that some compromised watered-down immigration legislation will eventually be passed in order to placate interest groups, businesses and illegal immigrants."

Mary in Baytown e-mails: "Don't allow lawbreaking. Illegal means illegal. There are no distinctions in this word. You don't gain citizenship when you enter illegally. The Congress should be ashamed of even considering this idea. Okay? And no benefits. We don't even give all our hard-working people their entitled benefits, why should we give them to illegals? This is just a crime."

Louis from Houston says, "The key intellectual point is there are no jobs

that Americans will not do if the free market is allowed to bid up on the wages. More illegals equal lower wages. That is the whole point for those who support illegal immigration."

John also puts it well: "In other words, the Senate thinks as follows: In order to halt illegal immigration, we must legalize it. And in order to enforce the law, we must reward those who have broken it."

Janet in Houston says: "America's legal system is clear: Abide by the laws or suffer the consequences. Why is it necessary to create new legislation to outlaw an already illegal act? In my opinion, enforcement of existing laws is the best use of our legislators' time and money."

And, finally, David in Kingwood, Texas, writes: "Please help our State and country. Uphold the law. You have done that all your professional life. Please don't make changes to allow the illegals to stay. They need to go through the process just like my grandfather and his parents did. Please stop this madness."

Mr. Speaker, this Congress must stop the unlawful invasion into our country. The American people have spoken and will continue to speak out on this issue. And Mr. Speaker, that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. EMANUEL addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SAYS NO TO NAVY LANDING FIELD IN WILDLIFE REFUGE

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, after I was elected to Congress more than 18 months ago, it became apparent to me that the decision of the United States Navy to site an outlying landing field in Washington County, North Carolina, was a decision with no rational basis. As a representative of the people of Washington County, I have spent countless hours trying to convince the Navy that this decision is extremely flawed.

The existing landing field at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia has become undesirable for a landing field. There are houses all around the field,

and the landing field no longer simulates an aircraft carrier, not to mention the unbearable noise. And so the Navy is correct in its decision to construct an outlying landing field, but it needs to be in a different location. Our Navy pilots need and deserve a suitable landing field to practice their landings, but the decision to place this field in the middle of a wildlife refuge is ill conceived.

Mr. Speaker, the citizens of Washington County have challenged the Navy in the Federal courts, and they have won. The District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit decided that environmental impact statements submitted by the Navy are flawed. They do not fully disclose the environmental or safety concerns about the 31,000 annual aircraft landings amid the 20,000 tundra swans and the 65,000 snow geese which winter nearby at the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

The citizens of Washington County are determined to prevent this landing field from being constructed in their community. This site puts our navy pilots and our navy aircraft and the community at risk. There are better and safer alternatives, and it is the duty of the Navy to fully explore these possibilities.

Despite the Federal Court order, and despite the language in the 2006 Military Construction Appropriations bill directing the Navy to look at alternative sites, the Navy's Chief of Naval Operations recently admitted during a House Appropriations Subcommittee hearing that the Navy's focus is to make the preferred site work rather than considering other alternatives.

The Navy has failed to fulfill its obligation to engage in a clear, full, fair and objective process carried out in the light of day. This is a \$186 million taxpayer funded project that seeks to remove about 30,000 acres of farmland from the private hands of about 75 families, and we are determined to continue to persuade the Navy to explore alternatives.

North Carolina, Mr. Speaker, has a long and proud history of supporting the Navy, and I certainly want to be a part of continuing that tradition. Our Governor, the Honorable Mike Easley, has diligently worked with the Navy in an effort to find an alternative site, and other Members of Congress from North Carolina have also offered to find a site. I trust that the U.S. Navy will respect the people of Washington County, respect the environment that we all treasure, and respect the rule of law. That landing field, Mr. Speaker, needs to be constructed at one of the alternative sites in eastern North Carolina and not in Washington County.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear

hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY WARRIORS

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. GUTKNECHT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to honor the Winona State University Warriors. They won the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball National Championship last weekend.

Winona State is famous for many things, but this historic win is the first major championship for Winona State and a milestone for WSU athletics. On behalf of basketball fans across southern Minnesota, I congratulate the players, coaches, fans and everyone who helped make this season so special.

Permit me to congratulate Coach Mike Leaf and his staff on an outstanding season. His squad finished with a record of 34-2, winning 22 consecutive games to close out the year. Coach Leaf was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference's Coach of the Year for his efforts.

The warriors, like all champions, won as a team, but they were led by a couple of outstanding players. David Zellman, a senior from Lewiston, Minnesota, ended his college career in style. He led the team in scoring with 26 points in the championship game, including seven three-point baskets. Sophomore John Smith of Johnsbury, Illinois, led the Warriors defensively and was named the NCAA Division II Elite Eight Tournament's Most Outstanding Player.

I congratulate family, friends, and fans of the team. Two busloads of Warrior supporters made the 22-hour trip to the championship game and cheered the team on to victory. They were joined by hundreds of other Warrior fans, alumni and family members of the Warrior athletes who made their own way to the game. And thousands, like myself and my wife, were watching on TV.

Some succeed, Mr. Speaker, because they are destined to. Most succeed because they are determined to. This team worked hard, played defense, shared the ball, and stuck together. They were rewarded with a well-deserved championship that all of us can be proud of.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. CUMMINGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND BORDER SECURITY

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MORAN).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, you know, as we have heard on this floor tonight, Americans are paying attention to the illegal immigration issue and all of us here have received call after call after call from our constituents. And, you know, they are not asking much. They simply want us to enforce our border security. And, Mr. Speaker, I agree with this. This is not some earth-shattering policy change, it is a matter of enforcing the laws that are on our books.

Republicans passed legislation to strengthen the border late last year, and we did it with very little Democratic support. That has to change. An overwhelming majority of Americans believe the lawlessness and the disregard for our laws inherent in illegal immigration is damaging to our society and a serious, serious risk to our national security.

We have watched some try to equate legal immigration and legal immigrants with those whose first act, their very first act coming into this country is breaking a law.

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It is breaking our law by running across the border. That is an insult to every individual who complied with our policies and followed the appropriate process to get here. For too long we have overlooked or even rewarded those who broke the law, and it is time for that to stop. It has to stop.

I want to share with you something one of my constituents asked me in a meeting while we were on our break. He said "Marsha, I hear that some of the people in Washington want to provide amnesty to those who are breaking our immigration laws, to those who are illegally entering our country." He said, if you are going to let people pick and choose and decide which laws they want to have amnesty from, then I